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In re Application of Shkolnikov et al. Application No. 10/014,706 Filed: November 13, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 13413.70

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed December 12, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the final Office action mailed April 21, 2003. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on July 22, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 21, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for processing of the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 filed with the instant petition.

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